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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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Examiner

Kevin D. Williams

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 11/5/2003 and the telephone interview of 2/19/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 22 and 24-69.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 April 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 11/5/2003
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ryan Heck on 2/19/2004.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

- Claim 22 has been deleted and replaced with the following new claim.

22. A secure printer system comprising:

(a) an electronic device having a first compartment and a second compartment outside of the first compartment, wherein the first compartment is secure and comprises a door and a door locking mechanism; and

(b) a printer system positioned in the second compartment, the printer system comprising a locking mechanism for releasably securing the printer system in the second compartment, at least a portion of the locking mechanism being located in and accessed from the first compartment, said portion of the locking mechanism permitting the release of said locking mechanism for allowing said printer system to be at least partially removed from the second compartment.

- Claim 37 has been deleted and replaced with the following new claim.

37. A secure printer system comprising:

(a) an electronic device having a secure compartment and a printer compartment outside of the secure compartment, wherein the secure compartment comprises a door and door locking mechanism; and

(b) a printer system positioned in the printer compartment, a printer locking mechanism engaging the printer system for releasably securing the printer system in the printer compartment, at least a portion of the printer locking mechanism being located in the secure compartment and accessible through the secure compartment for permitting the release of said printer locking mechanism for allowing said printer system to be at least partially removed from the printer compartment.

- In claim 41, line 11, after "compartment", --, said portion permitting the release of said locking mechanism for allowing said printer to be at least partially removed from said first compartment-- has been inserted.

- In claim 53, line 11, after "compartment", --, said portion permitting the release of said locking mechanism for allowing said printer to be at least partially removed from said first compartment-- has been inserted.

- In claim 65, line 4, after "printer", --positioned substantially in the first compartment-- has been inserted.

- In claim 65, line 5, after "mechanism", --for limiting the removal of said printer from said first compartment-- has been inserted.

- In claim 65, line 8, after "compartment", --said portion permitting the release of said locking mechanism for allowing said printer to be at least partially removed from said first compartment-- has been inserted.

- In claim 67, line 7, after "mechanism", --for limiting the removal of said printer from said first compartment-- has been inserted.

- In claim 67, line 8, after "compartment", --said portion permitting the release of said locking mechanism for allowing said printer to be at least partially removed from said first compartment-- has been inserted.

- In claim 67, line 12, "at least a" has been deleted and replaced with --said--.

- In claim 67, line 14, after "door", --for gaining access to said portion of the printer locking mechanism-- has been inserted.

- In claim 67, line 15, after "mechanism", --for allowing said printer to be at least partially removed from said first compartment-- has been inserted.

3. The above changes have been made in order to patentably distinguish the claims from the prior art of record.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reason for the allowance of claim 22 is the limitation of a first compartment and a second compartment outside of the first compartment, the first compartment comprising a door and door locking mechanism, a printer system positioned in the second compartment and comprising a locking mechanism for releasably securing the printer system in the second compartment, at least a portion of the locking mechanism being located in and accessed from the first compartment,

where said portion permits the release of the locking mechanism for allowing the printer system to be at least partially removed from the second compartment, in combination with the other claimed structure.

The primary reason for the allowance of claim 37 is the limitation of a secure compartment and a printer compartment outside of the secure compartment, the secure compartment comprising a door and door locking mechanism, a printer system positioned in the printer compartment and comprising a locking mechanism for engaging the printer system and releasably securing the printer system in the printer compartment, at least a portion of the locking mechanism being located in the secure compartment and accessible through the secure compartment for permitting the release of the locking mechanism for allowing the printer system to be at least partially removed from the printer compartment, in combination with the other claimed structure.

The primary reason for the allowance of claim 41 is the limitation of at least one printer positioned substantially in the first compartment, a second compartment outside of the first compartment, a locking mechanism associated with the printer and limiting removal of the printer, at least a portion of the locking mechanism being located in the second compartment, said portion permitting the release of said locking mechanism for allowing said printer to be at least partially removed from said first compartment, at least one door attached to the second compartment, in combination with the other claimed structure.

The primary reason for the allowance of claim 53 is the limitation of at least one printer positioned substantially in the first compartment, a second compartment outside

of the first compartment, a locking mechanism associated with the printer and limiting removal of the printer, a portion of the locking mechanism being located in the second compartment, said portion permitting the release of said locking mechanism for allowing said printer to be at least partially removed from said first compartment, at least one door attached to the second compartment, in combination with the other claimed structure.

The primary reason for the allowance of claim 65 is the limitation of providing at least one printer positioned substantially in the first compartment, providing a printer locking mechanism for limiting the removal of said printer from said first compartment, providing at least a second compartment outside of the first compartment, at least a portion of the printer locking mechanism located in the second compartment, said portion permitting the release of said locking mechanism for allowing said printer to be at least partially removed from said first compartment, and providing a door and door lock to cover the opening of the second compartment, in combination with the other claimed steps.

The primary reason for the allowance of claim 67 is the limitation of providing at least one printer positioned substantially in the first compartment, providing a printer locking mechanism for limiting the removal of said printer from said first compartment, providing at least a second compartment outside of the first compartment, at least a portion of the printer locking mechanism located in the second compartment, said portion permitting the release of said locking mechanism for allowing said printer to be at least partially removed from said first compartment, providing a door and door lock to

cover the opening of the second compartment, and opening the door for gaining access to said portion of the printer locking mechanism, in combination with the other claimed steps.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin D. Williams whose telephone number is (571) 272-2172. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew H. Hirshfeld can be reached on (571) 272-2168. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew H. Hirshfeld", is positioned above the printed name.

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